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**BABCOCK IP****Claim Amendments**

1-16 (withdrawn)

17. (original) A cord retainer apparatus, comprising:

a first clip and a second clip,

the first clip and the second clip arranged to be attachable to the cord from a direction tangential to a longitudinal axis of the cord;

the first clip and the second clip connectable together via magnetic force.

18.(original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the first clip has a magnet and the second clip has a ferrous member.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 178, wherein the ferrous member has a raised contact area and the first clip has a retaining member having one of an indented area and an aperture.

20. (original) The apparatus of claim 179, wherein the raised contact area and one of the indented area and the aperture are arranged to mate together.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the first clip ~~and the second clip have~~ has retaining tabs, the retaining tabs arranged to retain the retaining member upon a body of the first clip.